

In re Application of: Yoram REITER
Serial No.: 10/075,257
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Examiner: Francois P. Vandervegt
Group Art Unit: 1644
Attorney Docket: 02/23338

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-35 are in this Application. Claims 21-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claim 35 has been objected to. Claim 21 has been amended herewith. Claim 35 has been cancelled herewith.

Amendments To The Claims

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 21-27 and 29-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Altman et al. (Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA; 1993, 90: 10330-10334) in view of Mottez et al. (J. Exp. Med. 1995, 181:493-502). Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

In order to expedite prosecution of this case Applicant has elected to amend claim 21 to include the limitations of the non-rejected claim 35 to thereby overcome Examiner's rejections.

The Examiner has further rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Altman et al. (Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA; 1993, 90: 10330-10334) in view of Mottez et al. (J. Exp. Med. 1995, 181:493-502) as applied to claim 21 above, and further in view of Lone et al. (J. Immunotherapy, 1998, 21:283-294). Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

In view of the amendment made in independent claim 21, Applicant believes to have overcome Examiner's rejection to dependent claim 28.

In view of the above arguments, remarks and amendments Applicant believes to have overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), rejections.

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Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to claim 35 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but states that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended the claims such that the subject matter of claim 35 is included in claim 21, and cancelled claim 35, thereby rendering moot Examiner's objections.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that claims 21-34 are now in condition for allowance. A prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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